



Facts About Children in Foster Care in Idaho

To find out how to become a foster parent in Idaho, please call 1-800-926-2588 or the IdahoCareline – 211.

To learn more about how to become a foster or adoptive parent in Idaho, you can also visit: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3334/default.aspx>

Total Population: 1,401 children were in the foster care system in Idaho on September 30, 2003ⁱ. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:ⁱ Average Age: 9.1 years

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| 6% | < 1 year | 27% | 11-15 years |
| 30% | 1-5 years | 14% | 16-18 years |
| 23% | 6-10 years | 0% | ≥19 years |

Gender:ⁱ Male: 49% Female: 51%

| Race and Ethnicity: | <u>Race/Ethnicity</u> ⁱ | <u>In out-of-home care</u> | <u>In state child population</u> ⁱⁱ |
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| | Black (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 2% | 0% |
| | White (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 73% | 83% |
| | Hispanic | 14% | 12% |
| | Am. Indian/Alaska Native (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 9% | 1% |
| | Asian/Pacific Islander (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 0% | 1% |
| | Unknown | 1% | N/A |
| | 2 or More Races (<i>non-Hispanic</i>) | 2% | 2% |

Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 20 months.ⁱ

Reunified: 75% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.ⁱ

Foster Homes: In 2004, there were a total of 966 licensed non-relative foster homes in Idahoⁱⁱⁱ.

On September 30, 2003, 15% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.ⁱ

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 27% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 32% were adopted by relatives.ⁱ

Sources:

ⁱ Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.

ⁱⁱ U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. *American FactFinder*. <http://factfinder.census.gov>

ⁱⁱⁱ Child Welfare League of America - National Data Analysis System http://ndas.cwla.org/data_stats/access/predefined/Report.asp?ReportID=127